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For : METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING THYROID CONDITIONS  
AND FOR MONITORING THYROXINE THERAPY

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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION, PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME AND THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED WITH A CORRESPONDING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Applicants hereby submit this request for continued examination ("RCE"), including a Communication addressing the Examiner's rejections in the August 24, 2005 Final Office Action, Petition For Two-Month Extension of Time and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS"), in connection with the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a), prior to the filing of a notice of appeal, an applicant may file an RCE of an application including the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) so as to file a submission such as a Communication or an IDS.

This Communication is submitted to address the Examiner's rejections in the August 24, 2005 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office

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in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 24, 2005 Final Office Action was originally due November 24, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$225.00), and a check which includes this amount is enclosed. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the August 24, 2005 Final Office Action is now due January 24, 2006. Accordingly, this Communication and RCE are being timely filed.